

Lee Conservation Commission Minutes of Meeting of June 3, 2013

Present:

Members: Laura Gund, Antoinette Hartgerink, Bill Humm (Chair), David Shay

Emeritus Member: Richard Weyrick

Alternate Member: Catherine Fisher

Visitors: James Daley, Jr., CEO, S & J Transportation; Tobin Farwell, Farwell Engineering

Approval of Previous Minutes: Minutes of meeting held on May 6, 2013, approved as written.

Updates and Announcements:

ZBA Activity: B. Humm reported that at the ZBA meeting of May 22, Chris Nadeau, of Nobis Engineering, announced that the plan for the proposed Dollar General development on Rte. 4 has reduced parking from 33 spaces down to 30 with concurrent reduction of impervious material to 51%. Construction of a storm water retention pond has also been added to the plan.

Easement Monitoring: Monitoring visits to Jenkins and Blickle easements were completed with no problems noted. L. Gund provided list of easements to be monitored for June.

Conservation Lands Management:

Maud Jones Forest: R. Weyrick reported that Don Quigley has suggested Saturday, June 29 for the proposed walk to educate abutters and other interested parties about the proposed trail installation and areas of the forest to be harvested. R. Weyrick will ask Caren Rossi to send letters notifying abutters. In addition a notice will run in the E-Crier.

Wheelwright Pond shoreline clearing: B. Humm reported that, in checking over the weekend, he found the plastic tape and signage were still in place, but expressed concerns that the signage (paper sheathed in plastic) is quite flimsy and suggested that a sturdier replacement be purchased. All agreed that this expenditure would be useful. B. Humm will look into ordering a rigid, plastic sign.

Wadleigh Falls canoe launch signage update: Two signs, paid for by LRAC, have been posted, one on each span of the bridge, both facing upstream.

Lee Five Corners glossy buckthorn pulling (Sat., June 15, 1:00-4:00): A weed wrencher has been made available. Most pulling will be easily done by hand, but there are some large clumps that may require a mattock; C. Fisher offered use of one that she has. There have been difficulties getting volunteers to help with the pulling. Having a notice posted in the E-Crier welcoming volunteers was discussed as was an additional notice to be posted after-the-fact to keep Lee residents informed.

Old Business:

Trail policy on Town-owned lands MOU: A draft Memorandum Of Understanding has been sent to the Recreation Commission. B. Humm received favorable responses from Dawn Genes and Larry Kindberg. L. Kindberg stated that there has not yet been an opportunity for the rec. commission as a group to review the MOU, but feedback is expected within the next few weeks.

Lamprey Rivers Management Plan review: D. Shay provided an overview of LRAC's Lamprey Rivers Management Plan draft which is being reviewed by selectboards and conservation commissions in 14 towns. He gave the plan a very favorable review and found nothing at odds with the LCC's policies, goals or plans.

New Business:

S & J Transportation request for variance: J. Daley and Tobin Farwell presented a plan to construct a 200 ft x 150 ft storage building, part of which would be 50 ft from wet soils. The north side of the

proposed structure would project into the 75 ft wet soils buffer. Also planned was the widening of an existing road accessed from Geo. Bennett Rd which is currently 9 ft from wetsoils; proposed widening would bring the road to within 6 ft from wetsoils. The proposed expanded road is to be used by employees and not commercial vehicles. Paving with recycled asphalt is proposed for the widened access road and the area surrounding both the proposed structure and an existing storage structure. A site walk was scheduled for Thursday, June 6 at 4:00 p.m.

Joe Ford property: The town attorney has recommended the purchase of title insurance for this property. The LCC voted to make \$775.00 available to make this purchase.

Hauslein property: In a site walk of the property, R. Weyrick, Chuck Cox and Eric Fiegenbaum (Madbury Cons. Com.) found test pitting being done, and that lot layouts seem to have been made with little attention to wetlands or topography. It was suggested that information about the property be sent to the Nature Conservancy.

Lee Fair: L. Gund reported that, due to the seeding of playing fields at Little River Park, the Lee Fair will be held in the field adjacent to the Mastway School.

Next Meeting: July 1, 2013

Submitted By _____
Catherine Fisher